The Rosenfield Program in Public Affairs, International Relations, and Human Rights prepares students for a lifetime of civic engagement and connects the Grinnell community to the broader social and political issues that define the world beyond Grinnell.



The Rosenfield Program infuses Grinnell College with opportunities to engage with the political and social world. Its events are a central part of the Grinnell experience, bringing to campus scholars and practitioners who challenge and inspire. It sends current students into the world to share the mission of the program and to help situate them for meaningful and productive lives when they graduate.

Since its inception, Grinnell College has nurtured a community with an eye on the penetrating questions of the day. From the abolitionists of the mid-19th century to a pack of bold New Dealers and to the analysts, activists, and leaders of the 21st century, Grinnellians have challenged the public and have served it with distinction. The Rosenfield Program carries that spirit forward.



Above: Ta-Nehisi Coates, *The Atlantic*, Martin Luther King Jr. Day lecture. On the cover: Deqa Aden '18, Glorianne Dorce '17, Laika Lewis '17 and Suha Gillani '16.



The Rosenfield Program, endowed in 1979 by a generous gift from the Grinnell College Board of Trustees, is a tribute to the Rosenfield family, particularly Joseph Rosenfield 1925, whose generosity and vision shaped the College.

Rosenfield Program events make a bold contribution to the intellectual life of the College, probing pressing issues and drawing attention to ideas which will affect the public discourse in the future.

- Distinguished lecturers address and interact with the College community.
- Informal discussions and activities capture campus energy and enthusiasm.
- Themed symposia and panels bring together individuals who tackle issues from multiple perspectives.







Above, clockwise from top: Jeremy Youde '99, associate professor of political science at the University of Minnesota, Duluth; W. Kaumau Bell, comedian, political satirist, and host of CNN's United Shades of America; and Sarah Labowitz '04, co-director of the New York University Stern Center for Business and Human Rights and a research scholar in business and society at NYU Stern.

Internships

Every summer, Grinnell College students take internships in organizations that intersect with the program's mission. The Rosenfield Program provides funding for numerous internships each year, covering travel and living expenses, allowing students to explore career paths in public affairs, international relations, and human rights. Grants supported by the Rosenfield Program have funded student internships across the globe.

Recent Internship Locations:

Accra, Ghana
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Singapore
New York City, N.Y.
Santiago, Chile
London, United Kingdom
Kisii, Kenya
Des Moines, Iowa
Washington, D.C.
Tempe, Ariz.
Belgrade, Serbia







Above clockwise from top: Annie Casey '16 at Challenging Heights in Ghana, Emily Howe '16 at Esarunoto Emaa in Tanzania, and Hannah Hwang '18 in Gwangju, South Korea.









Above, clockwise from top: Deanna Taylor'16, Glorianne Dorce'17; U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack, David Leitson'17, Deqa Aden'18; Jarren Santos'17 and Hanh Pham'17; and Jackson Blais'16, Anna Schierenbeck'16

Study Tours

The Rosenfield Program sponsors weeklong study tours, organized around a timely theme, drawing together students from a variety of majors. The study tours offer students a window on how the theme manifests itself in private, public, and non-governmental organizations. Bringing current students together with alumni, the tours create bonds across multiple generation of Grinnellians. The inaugural study tour examined human rights in New York.

Baltimore/Washington, D.C., Tour Visit Sites:

The Baltimore Sun
U.S. Institute of Peace
Federal Trade Commission
Peace Corps
The Rand Corporation
InterNews
Verizon
Newseum
Urban Institute



The United States Institute of Peace, Washington D.C. 2017 study tour Front row: Ann Louise-Colgan, U.S. Institute of Peace; Angela Frimpong '20, Nomalanga Shields '18, Anesu Gamanya '17, Deqa Aden '18, Nora Sahel '17, Sarojini Sapru '17

Second row: Xiaoxuan Yang '17, Hanh Pham '17, Linda Oyolu '17, Erina Matsui '18, Grisel Hernandez '17

Third row: Esther Hwang '19, Nicole Carver '19

Fourth row: Sarah Purcell, director, Rosenfield Program; Maureen Fitzgibbon, assistant director of employer relations and employment counseling, Barbara Trish, professor of political science; Mark Duncan '19, Laureen Van Wyk, Rosenfield Program coordinator

Back row: Jarren Santos '17, Nathan Calvin '18, Luc Moisan '17, Michael Cummings '18

Get Involved!

Contribute to the intellectual life of Grinnell College:

- Attend Rosenfield Program events on campus and interact with alumni and other distinguished visitors.
- Plan Rosenfield events and manage the program by serving on the Rosenfield Program Committee.
- Apply for Rosenfield summer internship funding to support your summer internship experience.
- Explore public affairs, human rights, and international relations on Rosenfield-sponsored study tours.

Rosenfield Program Organization

Barbara Trish, professor of political science, became director of the Rosenfield Program in the summer of 2017. She holds a doctorate from Ohio State University. Her professional work and her personal life have been enriched by the program in countless ways since arriving at Grinnell in 1990.

The program committee is composed of the director, five faculty members, seven students, and the Rosenfield Program coordinator, Laureen Van Wyk.



First row: Anesu Gamanya '17, Mark Duncan '19, Nomalanga Shields '18, Sarah Purcell, professor of history/former director of the Rosenfield Program

Second row: Annie Casey'16, Lily Hamilton'19, Charlie Paquette'19 Back row: Strahinja Matejić'17, Luc Moisan'17

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